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Counseling Department and Transfer Center:
CSUN representative will be on campus March 21 from 10 to 1 p.m. in the Cafeteria on a drop-in basis and on March 27 from 10 to 1 p.m. by appointment in the Transfer Center.

CSUN Minority Business Program representative will be on campus March 23 and April 6 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on a drop-in basis in Monarch Square.

UCLA representative will be on campus on March 29 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. by appointment in the Transfer Center.

UCLA has changed many requirements of its majors. Pick up a copy of the changes in the Counseling Department.

USC representative will be on campus March 28 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. by appointment and from 11 a.m. to noon on a drop-in basis in the Transfer Center.

Woodbury University representative will be on campus on March 29 from 4 to 7 p.m. on a drop-in basis in the Transfer Center.

Summer School registration begins June 19 through June 23 in person and by appointment only. Classes start June 26 and end Aug. 3.

Tuesday Workshop Series presents "Study Skills: Planning and Preparing" presented by Dr. Synthia Saltoun from noon to 1 p.m. in Foreign Language 102.

Career/ Transfer Center presents **"A "Major" Decision: Using Your Major to Find A Career"** presented by Barbara Goldberg on March 29 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in Campus Center, room 206.

Algebra competency testing will be held March 22 from 6 to 7 p.m. and March 30 from 10 to 11 a.m. in Campus Center 116.

Financial Aid: Ability to benefit test will be held March 16 at 1:30 p.m. and March 21 at 10 a.m. in Campus Center 116. No appointment is necessary, the test takes one hour and 30 minutes, every student must bring a picture ID.

Campus Concert Series: Jesse Monreal, guitarist, will be performing March 16 at 11 a.m. in the Music Recital Hall.

Women's History Month will be commemorated through a display in the case located in the Campus Center. The display can be seen March 6 through March 17.

Astronmy Club presents "The Spring Sky" presented on March 17 at 8 p.m. in College Planetarium

"President's Outstanding Leader Award" application deadline is March 24. Submit and pick up application forms to the Office of Student Services, Campus Center 100.

Former Mayor Yorty tells it like it was

By REBECCA CAMARENA
Valley Star Staff Writer

Branded the 'Maverick Mayor' by the Los Angeles Times because of his controversial bills and proposals, Sam Yorty, the three term mayor of Los Angeles from 1961 to 1973 delivered a speech in which he criticized city and state officials and shared memories of his political career in a question and answer session on March 6 in the Cafeteria Conference Room.

In a rare public appearance before an audience of mostly white haired supporters from his days in office Yorty, age 85, criticized the hiring of Chief Willie Williams who formerly headed the Philadelphia police force. "I don't mind him being black but I just mind him being brought in from outside," said Yorty.

Yorty expressed his anger at the demoralization of the police department since the incident of the Rodney King beating. He was sympathetic towards the two officers Stacey Koon and Laurence Powell who were convicted in the King beating and said they did not deserve the punishment they got. Yorty said, "He (King) didn't deserve the judgement he got, running around like a millionaire," referring to the $3.8 million court judgement King won against the city. "The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) used to be the best in the world but, now an officer is afraid to use force because he may be sued," said Yorty

More than once Yorty put down the man who defeated him 22 years ago, former Mayor Tom Bradley because Bradley dismantled the police departments Public Disorder Intelligence Division. This helped to spur the rise of gang violence according to Yorty.

Yorty praised current Mayor Richard Riordan for the good job he has already done but Yorty offered a few answers for the mess

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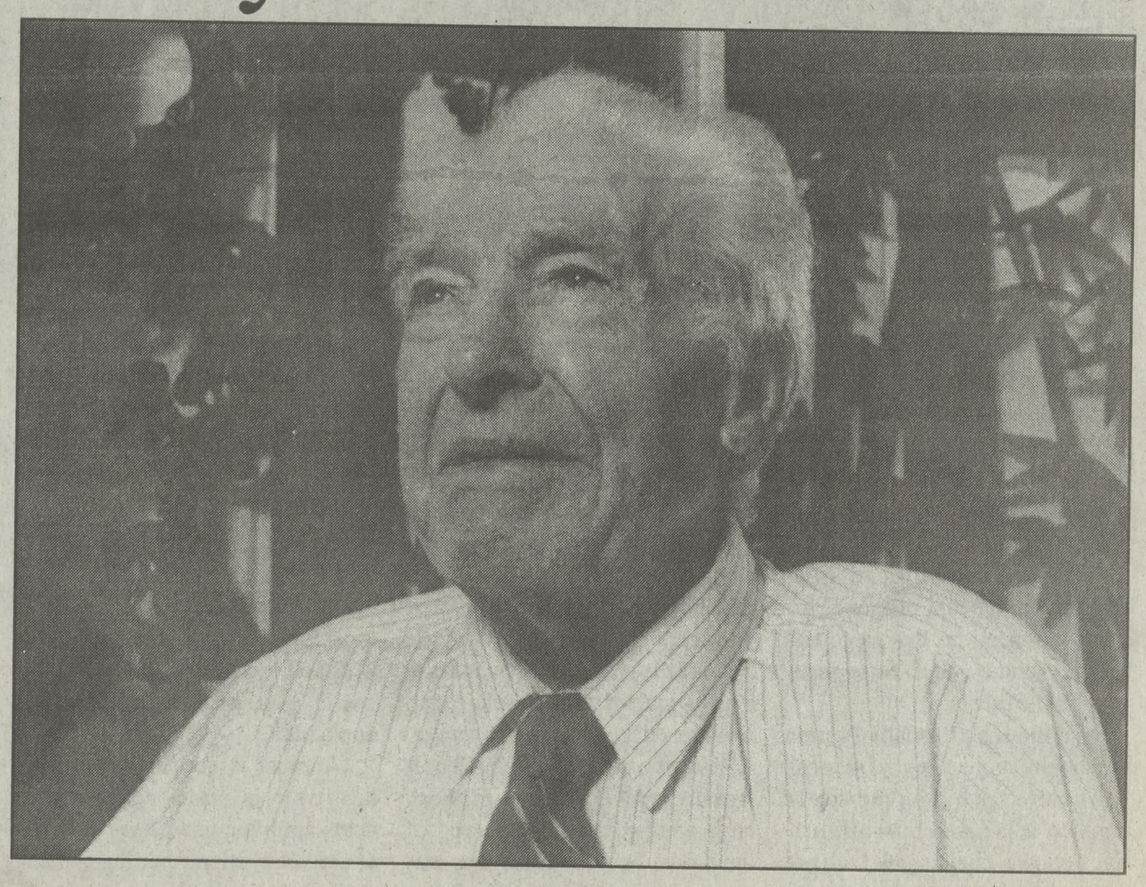

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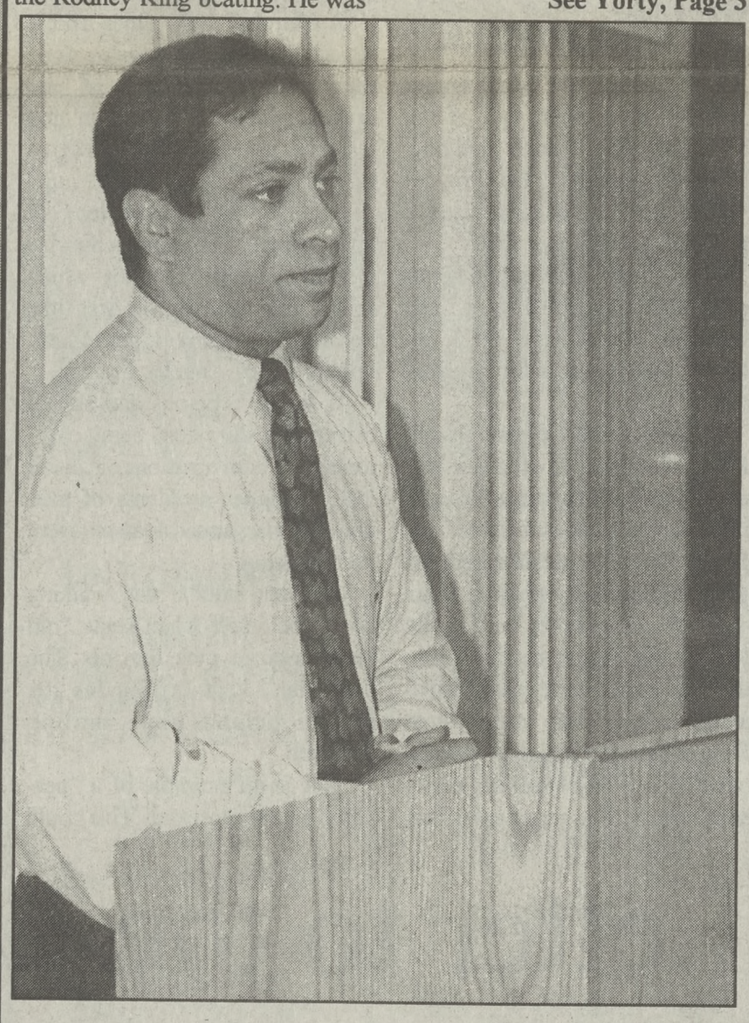
Former three term (1961-1973) Mayor of Los Angeles Sam Yorty at his home/office in Studio City.



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David Kessler, a candidate for the Board of Trustees campaigns

Candidates debate for open seats on Board of Trustees

By SHAWN WYLIE
News Editor

Candidates for open seats on the Board of Trustees talked to students and staff about their agenda and answered audience questions in a forum held on campus.

There are four seats up on the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) Board of Trustees in the April 11 election. The Board of Trustees consist of seven members who have the final say on policies and programs in LA Counties' nine college campuses.

The American Federation of Teachers (AFT) Guild Local 1521 President, Leon Marzillier, opened and chaired the two hour long discussion. Each of the six candidates present gave their views and goals in a five minute speech. They were each given one minute to respond to audience questions.

"I think student governments should run the bookstore. Let's give them back the right, not the Board. Students should write to their congressman about the high cost of tuition," said candidate Casey Peters. Peters past out fliers that read "Abolish tuition, restore full class schedules and have non-compliance with 187."

Candidate Don Brunet spoke about and ditributed pamphlets about "decreasing the size of the district office, stopping waste of office district funds and increasing programs and classes."

"I have the contacts in Fresno to change policies. We can all discuss the problems, but who can do something," said Candidate Amanda Susskin in her speech.

Other candidates who spoke were David Kessler, Dr. Gloria Romero, Julia Woo, Kenny Washington, and David Lopez-Lee.

Mecha student John Seman asked of all the candidates how they will get more minorities to four year universities.

All the candidates acknowledged this was a problem and gave suggestions on ways to help like financial aid. There were about seven questions asked by students and staff for the Board to respond to. About 30 students attended the forum and eight staff. ASU members were present to thank the Board for comming as well as Jack Sterk, faculty president.

"I came because I didn't want tuition to go up any higher. Because I'm disabled it's free. But, I'm here for my friends that do have to pay," said student Garry Granger.

"I'm better educated about the candidates now. I did not want to vote blindly," said student Luis Aguilar.

Job fair opens doors

By SANDRA CARRANZA
Valley Star Staff Writer

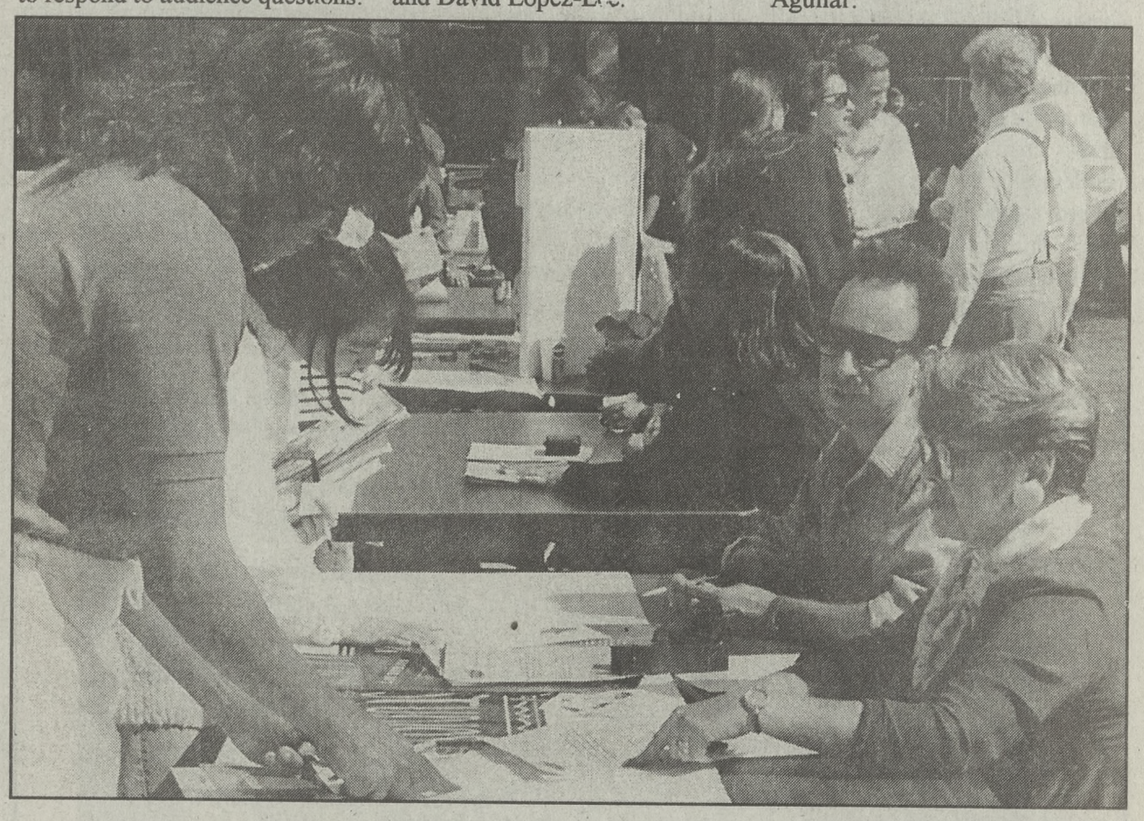
A job fair was held at Valley to provide students with a variety of career and job opportunities. It was organized by Co-Operative Education Director Hanna Petterson in conjunction with the Job Placement Office.

Unemployment in California has decreased by five percent according to research made by the New York Times last month. Eighty-five percent of the population in California between the age of 19 and 25 is currently employed and 46 percent of them are college students.

"A job fair is organized every semester to help students who are currently unemployed, and to help those who are interested in finding a new career or who want to be trained on a specific skill," said Petterson.

The job information available included selling beauty products to being an FBI agent or to being all that you can be by joining the Army. "The Army is a great way to start a career," said Rudy Gomez, a recruiter for the Army. The Army offers the Military Occupational Specialties (MOS) program, which offers 250 different skill training programs.

There were job opportunities for everyone. For those interested in the law enforcement field there was the Glendale Police Department recruiting people for training as well as the Highway Patrol Department. There were opportunities for business management working at Bullock's.



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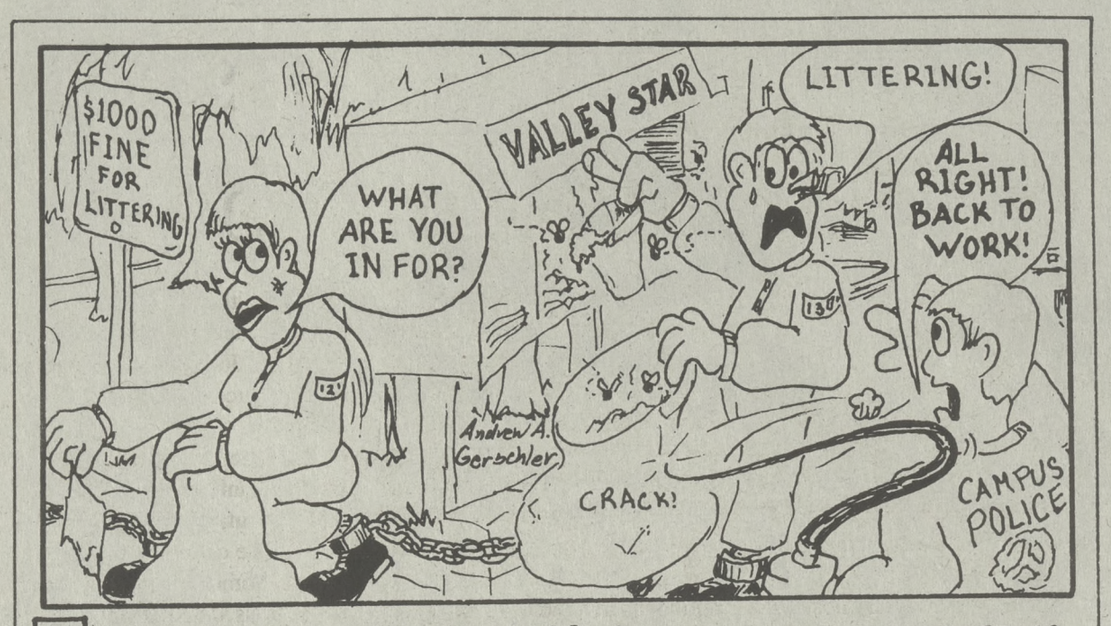
Scott Hale (left) and Jerry Rountree (right) from Time Warner Entertainment company recruiting.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Affirmative action promotes mediocrity

By LAURA DENIS
Editor-in-Chief

Due to the anti-affirmative action initiative being proposed for the 1996 election, this topic has recently come under close scrutiny by the media.

Even though affirmative action is a touchy subject, every one of us will be affected by it in one way or another. It is about time affirmative action is challenged. I am not a bigot because I do not agree with affirmative action. As a matter of fact I think certain aspects of affirmative action are extremely racist.

The idea behind affirmative action is to even out the odds so that minority groups such as African Americans, Hispanics and Native Americans can compete with a mainly white, male dominated world. This is achieved with quotas set by the government. Colleges and businesses are required to admit and or hire a certain amount of minorities.

It allows students to be accepted into schools, sometimes with partial or full scholarships based primarily on their ethnic background as opposed to grade point average.

While the theory is benevolent it is really implying minorities do not have what it takes to succeed of their own accord. It implies minorities are not smart enough to get into college and they need a special law which allows them to get into prestigious schools with lower grade point averages.

Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas does not believe in the idea of affirmative action. He believes affirmative action promotes mediocrity. If students know they will be accepted to school with less work involved they are more likely to slack off.

affirmative action is a policy based on reverse discrimination as well. In order to meet certain quotas, many students and job applicants with better grade point averages and more job experience are passed over for less qualified applicants.

Another issue which must be dealt with is misuse. Many students applying for college will lie about their ethnic heritage. The college does not check on applicants' genealogy. Still others will use their ethnic heritage to receive scholarship money when it is not needed.

This is ultimately a form of stealing. These students are stealing from people who are really in need of scholarship and grant money. affirmative action promotes mediocrity and reverse discrimination.

American women ignored

By ED WEST
Valley Star Staff Writer

Dear Mrs. Clinton,

The students at Los Angeles Valley College would like to know how much money the Clinton Administration is going to donate to America's women? The recent magnanimous grant of $100,000,000.00 given to Africa, Asia and other third world countries for the betterment of their women, could have been better utilized by women in this country, who, are still at a disadvantage in the business, social, and governmental environments. "Charity begins at Home," at least it should. At one time, it used to.

When The President visited here last year, didn't he see the run-down condition of some of the buildings on campus or the washboard condition of the parking lots? Didn't he notice there was no air-conditioning or heating in many of the classrooms? Didn't he observe the students, many of them poorly dressed, or the haggard look on the faces of many of the teachers, stressed everyday by overcrowded classrooms and deprived of teaching aids by the ever dwindling budgets allocated to the school systems. Believe it or not Hillary, many of the faces The President paid no attention to, are the faces of the voters who helped him get elected.

Regarding the $ 100,000,000.00, is that being given to the heads of state in the donee countries? Are these heads of state men? What solemn vow did they swear to when they promised the money would only be allocated to advance the causes of women?

Can they be trusted? Will they see to it that only women will be the receipients of this money? Is it possible these heads of state can feather their own nests with American benevolence and dollars?

What of the many women from those countries, who now reside in the States, many of them being educated in the American School systems? Will the receiving countries send some of the money back to the States in the form of reimbursement for educating their women? Will all financial aid, in every institution of learning, across the width and breath of this country, become a thing of the past for these women?

Who will these women contact for their fair share of the money? Do they go to their consulate and apply, or are they allowed to take two bites of the American pie by double dipping into the funds their native country receives while continuing to receive financial aid from whatever school they are attending in our country? Who is keeping the account ledger?

Possibly, just possibly and hopefully in the near future, the American people will vote into office a man or a woman, whose sole agenda will be the welfare of the American People.

Editorial

Your mother is not enrolled so clean up your own mess

We at the Valley Star are impressed by readers willing to brave the heaps of rubbish which seem to accumulate in our newspaper stands in order to pick up an edition of their school publication. It seems odd students mistake the yellow and green dispensers as trash receptacles. After all, these are the school colors and should indicate pride in the campus.

Could it be these litter bugs are truly concerned about. their environment and have mistaken the stands as recycling bins? Considering there are trash cans within 11 steps of each newspaper dispenser, this is a possibility. No one would be so lazy as to avoid 11 steps to throw away their own garbage.

On second thought we can not recall the recycling advantages for chewed gum, chewed straws, coffee stained styrofoam cups, candy wrappers, cigarette packaging or molding crusts of bread. Why are people giving us this litter? It is not for school pride.

West High School in Bakersfield California has signs posted all over its campus which remind students "Your mother is not enrolled here so clean up your own mess." Does Valley College need to post similar reminders? Since we are all adults here this is a sad thought to ponder.

While our maintenance workers are dedicated to keeping our campus clean, they are not surrogate mothers for the more than 15,000 students attending Valley College. Perhaps we should implement fines for those offenders caught littering the newspaper bins or any place else on campus.

Fines as little as one dollar would quickly add up and could be used to fund the maintenance department. With this growing cash flow we could hire more campus police officers to catch litter bugs and in turn increase the funds further.

Soon Valley could have an army of officers policing the grounds for careless students while a team of maintenance workers speedily tend to landscaping, repainting the weathering buildings, cleaning the windows or maybe gutting the disgusting bathrooms and remodeling them to sanitary conditions.

The bathrooms are another area where marks of thoughtless students can be seen, smelled and on occasion for the unfortunate, touched. What happened to the doors on the stalls? Why does someone feel the need to post their phone number on the wall with a graphic description of themselves? Does anyone need the soap dispenser from the wall? Why has it been ripped off?

And by the way, for those who have obviously forgotten, the silver handle to the left of the toilet is for flushing away those other gifts you are prone to giving us.

If there is no respect for the campus, how about some respect for the other students who have to wade through your trail of garbage? We could start fining offenders but would rather find other means to fund campus clean-up.

Speech does not have room for 'faggots'

By SHAWN WYLIE
News Editor

Some friends and I were taking a break from class. Out of the blue, one of my friends said how he hated "faggots." He also described how "one of them" tried to pick him up the other day.

Immediately I said to him not to call a homosexual a "faggot." I'm not even homosexual yet I defended homosexuals for two reasons.

The first is, and I told my friend, I have the privilege of a few gay male friends. But perhaps the most important reason is because my friend hatefully misdirected his anger at the wrong people. This action is an ignorant one. In the long wrong, excuse me, that's run, this type of behavior could lead to a hate crime. Hate crimes stem from a hate word and an uneducated point. This escalates a persons' anger. The anger turns into violent and criminal actions.

A March 7 L.A. times article reported that in Los Angeles alone there were 332 incidents of hate crimes relating to gay men and lesbians in 1994. The incidents ranged from harassment to murder. In 1993 the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Community Service Center conducted a study which found gay men for the first time became the leading target of hate crimes in Los Angeles County.

If racial, religious and sexual orientation slurs keep being overlooked in conversations, it could lead to bigger problems of pain and suffering aimed at an innocent human being.

My friend said he was walking down the street when some "old man" tried to pick him up. The "old man" kept driving his car slowly behind him, smiling strangely.

This is an example of a "pervert," not a homosexual. This could also be an example of a possible "child molestor" since my friend is a teen-ager.

I understand my friends anger about this situation. Because he may have not have the privilege of knowing a gay man, he hatefully stereotyped one.

If someone really can not talk without stereotyping people, speak about positive characteristics not negative ones. Gay men consist of a vast scope of people from differen races and different religions, from McDonald clerks to doctors. It has been my experience that gay men are educated, caring, empathetic, understanding, supportive and possess a great sense of humor.

There is not room for hate words in our conversations. There is not room in our society for hate crimes. As a society, the best thing people can do to grow intellectually and live peacefully is to show respect to someone who is different.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Jo-ana D'Balcazar's article regarding Affirmative Action in the Valley Star March 2 is filled with serious contradictions.

The first principle of sincerity is to declare "yes" or "no". The article cites figures of improvement of six percent and four percent, then deplores the situation as being unfair to the majority. She calls it being racist, unfair to 90 percent of whites.

She never mentions starvation of funds to education is causing the present protest. She does not mention Valley and most colleges' remedial classes also include white students because high schools fail.

She quotes Martin Luther King Jr. saying people should be judged by their character, true! Character will direct a person to the cause of scholastic deficiencies not strike out and want all the pie.

Strange, such an opinion from a woman who has benefited to 47 percent. Color has nothing to do with it.

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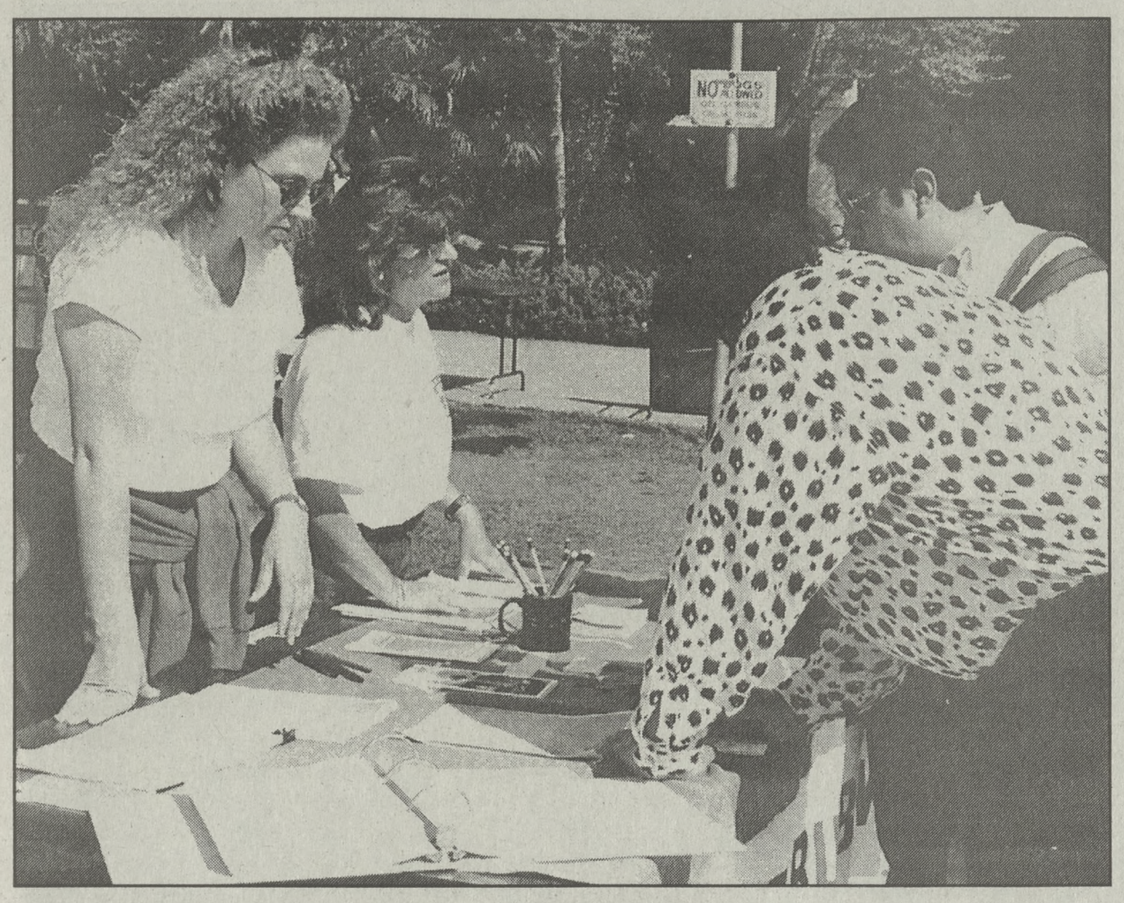

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Rae Reynolds (left) and Soledael Sanchez (right) from the Coast Federal Bank are recruiting students at the job fair booth that took place March 8 in Monarch square. The event was sponsored by the Associated Student Union and the Counseling office. The job fair was organized by the Co-Operative Education Director Hanna Petterson along with the Job Placement office.

Cable television show provides information

By SHAWN WYLIE
News Editor

Instead of waiting in line or walking aimlessly around campus for information, students can watch a cable television talk show to get detailed information on a variety of subjects about Valley.

The format of the show is set up like a talk show. The host asks questions of the different guests and the guests respond.

The show's main goal is to give in-depth and one-on-one information and advice. It offers news and information about campus programs and services. The show also gives answers for the most commonly asked questions or concerns students have, like financial aid.

Each week the show, 'Valley Academics' has a different topic. Teachers, counselors and administrators are among some of the future guests.

One of the show's guests was Ruth Siegel the financial aid manager. Siegel answered questions, gave advice and explained forms. She talked about deadlines, grants and loans available for students.

"I was asked to be on at the last minute, so I was a little nervous. But, I tried to answer the most commonly asked questions at the counter," said Siegel.

Another guest on show was the Writing Center Manager, Stephen Whitney. He explained how the Writing Center will give any student free help on writing. Students can sign up for an appointment or drop in without one.

Associated Student Union Vice President Jesse Domingeuz hosts and produces the show. He also created it.

"I wanted to create a different method of informing students about Valley. But, also to bring awareness to the community about our school. Somebody may be watching who is thinking about going back to school. The show can help them make an informed decision. Plus new students can take advantage of this and it might help them to get more involved in campus activities, services and programs," said Dominguez.

'Valley Academics' is on Thursdays at 4 p.m. on the public access channel, channel 23. The show will only be aired this semester.

Yorty

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the city was in. "I don't think I'll be calling the Mayor to give him advice since he didn't ask me for any," said Yorty.

Describing Clinton as a weak president, Yorty thought he would be defeated in 1996. Commenting on international affairs Yorty said, "It's a sad situation internationally, if we had a stronger President we could give leadership but nobody is afraid of this president. Former President Bush did a much better job internationally but ran a lousy campaign."

Reminding the audience of his achievements while in office he reviewed his scandal free administration and the creation of an Economic Development Board, which brought manufacturing and new tax revenues to Los Angeles. Yorty also spoke of the civil service procedures that were revised to prevent discrimination and a youth opportunity board that had been created to provide training, counseling and jobs for the youth of the area.

During Yorty's administration the Convention Center, City Hall East, the Art Center, and the Los Angeles Zoo were all established. "However, most, if not all of these places have been sadly neglected for the last 20 years," said Yorty.

Yorty acknowledged that his best accomplishment in office, was the good relationship with the police and fire departments.

When asked by a member of the audience if he were mayor today, could he have prevented the riots, he replied, "I don't think I could have prevented the L.A. Riots because I couldn't prevent the first one in 1965. But this last riot could have been controlled better and faster. When they acquitted these white officers in the beating of Rodney King the riots broke out in not only black areas but also in white areas as compared to the Watts Riot in 1965 which was confined only to black areas."

Yorty talked about his career starting with his rise in politics to serving as a World War II Captain, being elected to the United States Assembly, successfully running for the United States House of Representatives and being re-elected for a second term. When he was not involved politics he was practicing law.

When asked by a member of the audience if he remembered the invention color television at the 1936 World's Fair in Chicago, he responded that he was watching TV at the Ambassador Hotel.

Yorty reminisced of his days in office with the audience about the time when it used to take half a day to come to the Valley from over the hill before the freeways were built.

Sharing personal information Yorty said he had been married three times, the first two wives left him a widower.

Mary Dunn, president of the Historical Museum Association presented Yorty with a certificate.

Family picnic calls for unity

BY ED WEST
Valley Star Staff Writer

Valley's Student-Faculty Annual Picnic has a new name this year. According to Jesse Dominquez, Associated Student Union vice president this year's outing will be presented under the name "Valley College Family Picnic," and this year's theme is "Unity in the Community." Every person, connected with Valley is invited to attend.

The festivities will be held on the Mall in front of Campus Center, starting at 1 p.m., March 24 and will continue until dusk. Volunteers are needed to help set up picnic tables and chairs and help with the moving of a huge barbecue pit from the area of the Men's Gym to the Mall. All students interested in volunteering their services are asked to contact Dominguez through ext. 361.

Softball and baseball games will be played on the women's baseball field and volleyball games will played in the Women's Gym. Other activities include door-prizes and a raffle.

The barbecue delights offered on the menu will include chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs and vegetarian dishes. Soft drinks, juices and bottled water will help to wash down lunch. There is no charge. Live music, rendered by the Woody James Ensemble will entertain those in attendance.

Dignitaries expected to attend are Assembly-persons Barbara Feldman, Richard Katz, and Hirschel Rosenthal.

When asked why the Mayor or local city officials were not invited, Dominquez replied, "Only members of the California Legislature can act on laws pertinent to the school systems, and we need all the help we can get from them."

Funding for the event has been arranged through donations from the ASU, from the Athletic Department and from private donations.

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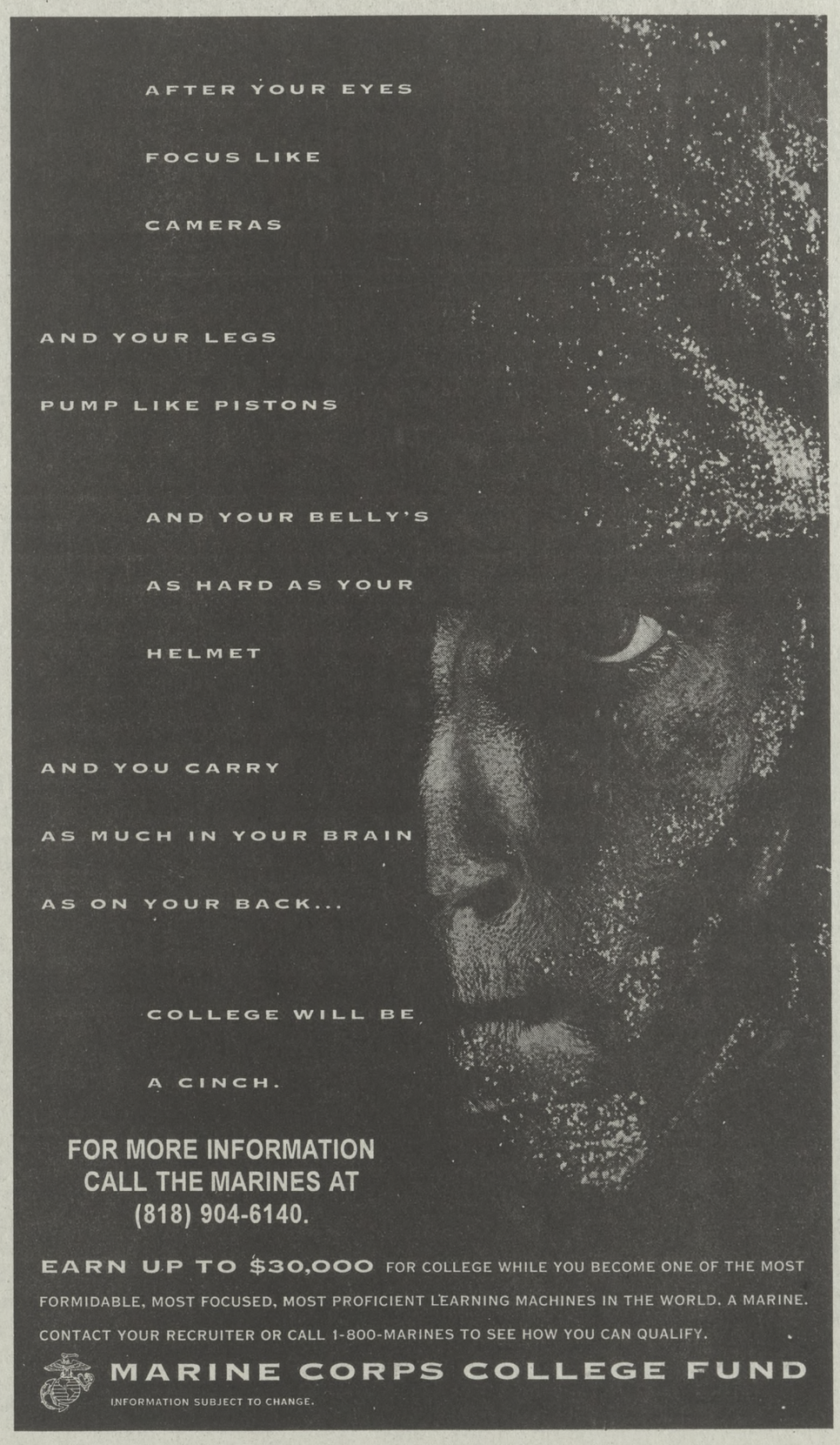
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Concert warms hearts

By DAVID BALDWIN
Feature Editor

The ovation that started in the final moments of the music recital by Maria Newman and George Thatcher filled the Recital Hall and could be heard throughout the Music Department. Newman and Thatcher presented a delightful and heart warming medley of musical pieces as part of Valley's 1995 Campus Concert Series, which debuted March 9.

Their performance started with a memorable rendition of 'Peccavi,' with Newman on piano and Thatcher on the bass trombone.

Their second piece, 'The Nightingale and the Rose.' had Newman playing the violin while Thatcher acted in the role of narrator.

This piece tells a story about a boy who wanted to take his professor's daughter to a dance. The boy was in love with her and thought by taking her to the dance, she would fall in love with him. However the only way she would agree to go was if he brought her a red rose.

He went into his back yard, looked and did not see any red roses. He sat down and cried. A nightingale, high up in a tree, heard him and decided to help him.

The nightingale set out to find a red rose for the boy and flew to a rose tree and ask for a red rose, saying, "I will sing you my most beautiful song if you give me a red rose." The tree answered by saying, "I only have white roses. Try my brother, maybe he can help you."

At the second tree, the nightingale made the same request. But this tree could not help the nightingale. He said "I only have yellow roses, but my other brother might be able to help you"

The nightingale flew to the third tree and made the same request. Sadly, the tree replied, "I have no roses to give, for the winter weather has frozen my veins." The nightingale tried to urge the tree by saying, "I need a red rose for a young boy who is in love. Is there any way you can help me, is there anything you can do?"

The tree answered " Yes, but there is only one way I can make a rose in the wintertime. You must press your breast against one of my thorns until it pierces your heart. Your blood will then form into the shape of a red rose." The nightingale said to the tree, " Death is a high price to pay for a red rose, but being it is for young love, I will do it."

That night the nightingale went back to the tree and when morning came around, the most beautiful red rose that anyone had ever seen, was growing from the tree, but lying at the base of the tree was the body of the nightingale.

When the boy woke up and looked out his window he saw the rose. He ran from the house and picked it from the tree. He carried it to the professor's house showed it to the girl, while saying, "You said if I found you a red rose, you would go to the dance with me."

The professors daughter haughtily told him, " I have already promised to go with a boy who can give me jewels, and besides, that red rose does not match the color of my dress." Infuriated, the boy threw the rose away and went home. At home, he thought about the rose, the nightingale and the girl, and decided that it had been a terrible experience.

After they finished The Nightingale and the Rose, Newman and Thatcher received a standing ovation that lasted for five minutes.

DAVID BALDWIN/VALLEY STAR
George Thatcher plays his bass trombone for a performance at the debut Campus Concert Series

DAVID BALDWIN/VALLEY STAR
Maria Newman (left) and George Thatcher (right) performed on March 9 in the Music Recital Hall for the Campus Concert Series.

IMS Filmex Schedule

Each movie will start promptly at 12:30 p.m. in BSc 101.

March 15: "The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich" based on the book by William Shirer, produced and directed by Jack Kaufman, 1986 B & W, 120 mins.

March 22: Bizet's "Carmen" starring Placido Domingo, Julia Migenes, Johnson, Ruggero Raimondi, and Faith Esham, directed by Francesco Rosi, 1984, color, 151 mins.

March 29: "Death of a Salesman" starring Dustin Hoffman, Charles Durning, Kate Reid, Stephen Lang and John Malkovich, directed by Volker Schlondorff, 1986, Color, 135 mins.

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Citizenship Center offers naturalization services

By DAVID HELLESKOV
Managing Editor

As an individual enters the south side of the Campus Center, in room 4 he or she discovers Valley's Citizenship Center. Janice Berger is the bilingual coordinator and Dr. Lester Schneider is director of the program.

Requirements to be eligible for citizenship are a lawful permanent resident for five years, three years if married to a United States citizen those three years and a child of Amercia citizen parents. To become a citizen it takes six to nine months from the time the application is received until an Immigration and Naturalization Services (INS) interview is conducted. Approximately two months passes from interview to the oath and receipt of the Certificate of Naturalization.

Berger says, "For illegal aliens, citizenship expediates immigration of relatives. Newly naturalized citizens can immigrate illegal family members faster, even if they have an application pending. The wait for a spouse of a resident alien from Mexico can be three to 10 years. According to the Mexican Consulate, a citizen can immigrate a spouse in one year. With the hope of a future in the U.S., illegal aliens become more secure and productive members of society."

Three million illegal immigrants were legalized under the Immigration Reform and Control Act (IRCA) of 1986. Of that three million, 1.5 million reside in California and 25 percent live in Los Angeles. Under IRCA health, welfare and education services for these immigrants were federally funded.

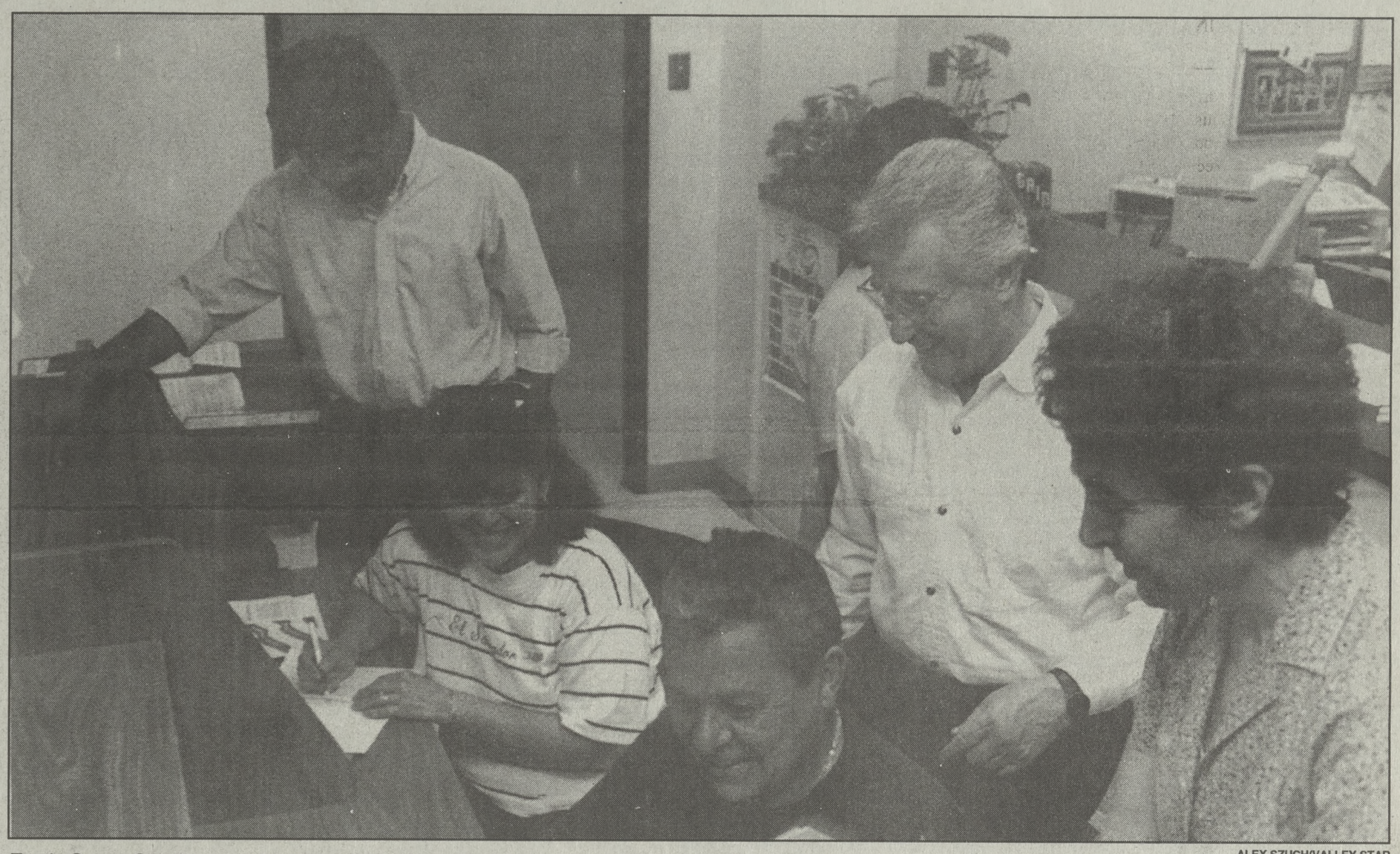
Berger says, "The Amnesty Office opened in 1987 and has gone through three distinct phases. First, the office issued the official 40-hour education certificate required to become a permanent resident. Plus, for a five-year period from temporary status, fees were paid for basic skills classes (mostly English and speech) for amnesty students. In fall semester 1990, 325 students were eligible for these services. Second, career counseling, job placement and accent reduction classes were some vocational services offered. Lastly in 1992, to meet the needs of this population, the Amnesty Office evolved into the Citizenship Center, as students became eligible for citizenship by completing five years of permanent residency."

The center has assisted people in applying for a visas, securing refunds for citizenship exams, taking the exams in the applicant's native language and including rescheduling the exam for religious reasons. Berger says, "A history teacher, clerk, computer technician, custodian and Associated Student Union (ASU) Commissioner have utilized citizenship services."

The passage of Proposition 187 is having an unexpected positive impact on immigrants. Dr. Schneider says, "Prop. 187 is a catalyst moving immigrants into the American mainstream. Illegal aliens want to legalize and legal aliens want to naturalize."

Berger says, "By attempting to exclude illegal aliens from public services, Prop. 187 is having the opposite effect of drawing them into society, as they search for ways to immigrate legally."

"U.S. Citizenship Action Network legislates, funds, and serves as a liaison with government agencies to streamline the process for new citizens. The center is open to the community. The INS in Los Angeles currently interviews 500 applicants a day," Berger says.



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Top L. Corner Siva Tharmarajah (From Sri Lanka is client & employee). Middle Lidia Nortillo (from Guatemala, client). Bottom is Cristobal Portillo (from Honduras). Second row has Dr. Lester S. Schneider, GAIN program director. The Citizenship Center gives assistance in applying for the naturalization and citizenship process.

Wintrob gives musical support

By REBECCA CAMARENA
Entertainment Editor

Her students have moved on to careers singing with the Los Angeles Master Choral Choir, performances in the Broadway musical "Phantom of the Opera", productions at other universities and receiving Masters Degrees in the field of music. But Music Instructor Diane Wintrob would never take credit for having been responsible for any of the careers of these students. It is not until much later after becoming familiar with her work and her personality that she will reveal what her students have accomplished.

Wintrob has been a music instructor for 25 years. "It never entered my mind that in 1970 that I would still be teaching here 25 years later," said Wintrob.

Wintrob has taught everything from beginning to advanced music classes and music appreciation. Currently Wintrob is the director of the Campus Concert Series. She is also involved with directing the music in "Little Shop of Horrors" premiering on campus in May. Three of her students from this production also performed in "Hair" which just finished showing.

"Directing these shows is a lot of work but, I like it." said Wintrob.

George Atarian, a voice teacher who has worked with Wintrob for the last 15 years said, "She is one of the real bright spots of the department."

In directing the concert series for her 3rd year, Wintrob accommodates all music classes during the semester and then brings in a variety of professional people to perform for the students. "This gives students a chance to hear professionals for free and it has proven to be a real eye opener for students," said Wintrob.

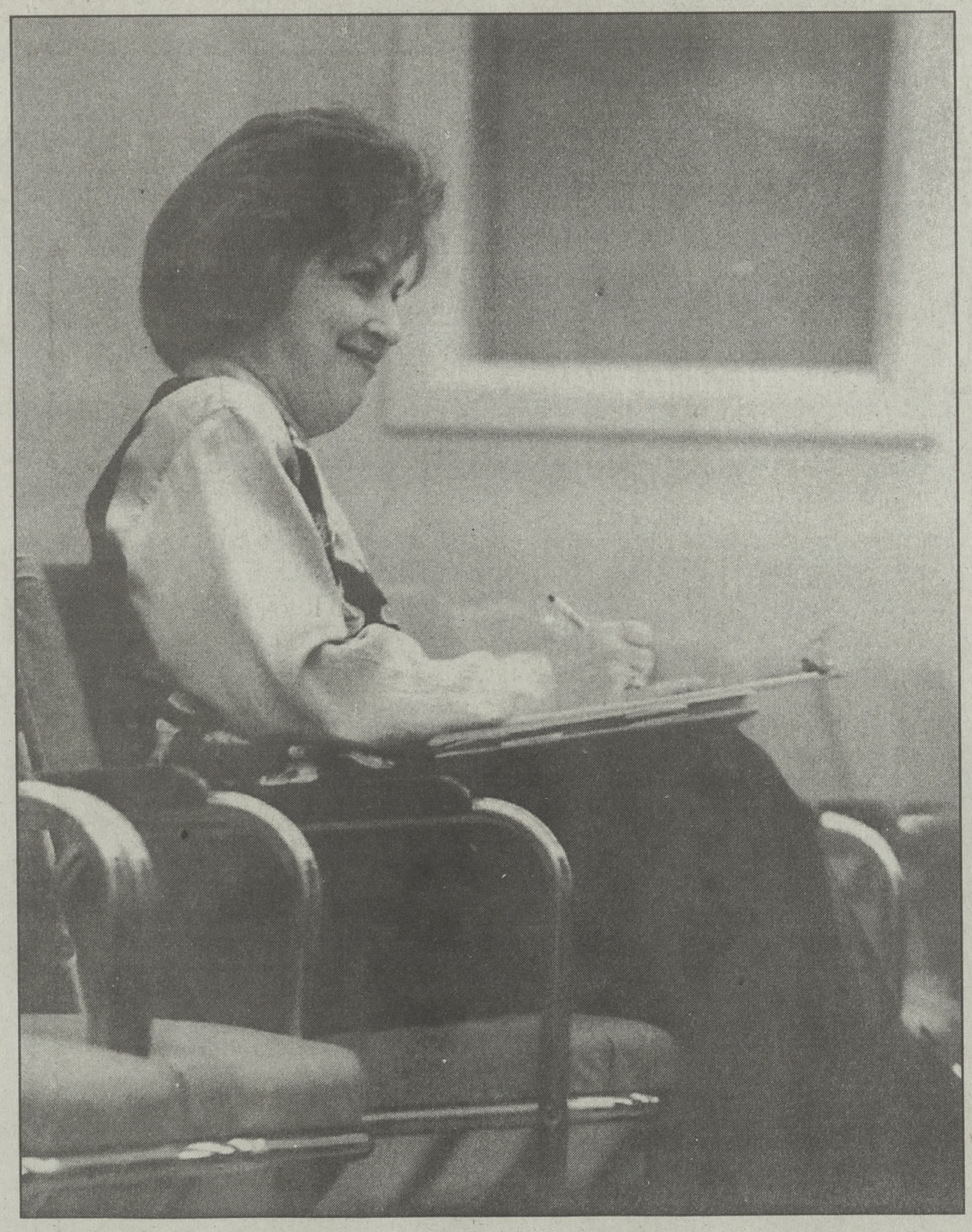
After fulfilling her work demands Wintrob still finds time to be a member of the National Association For Teacher Singing (NATS). She has served as an officer for the last two to three years after having been a member for many years. The main goal of NATS is to sponsor symposiums geared to teachers and students. With her involvement every February a symposium is hosted at Valley.

Wintrob's education comprises a Bachelors from the University of Kentucky and a Masters from the University of Maryland, both in vocal performance. After graduating Wintrob taught for three semesters in New York.

"The first winter my husband and I were there the temperature went to 40 degrees below zero, naturally, we didn't want to stay there."

She later moved to Los Angeles so her husband could attend graduate school. Her first reaction was that City Hall was the tallest building.

Wintrob hopes her beginning students can successfully learn a few things from her teaching. Concentration, mastering basic vocal techniques so that they can control what they do when they sing.



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Music teacher Diane Wintrob critiquing student's performance during her morning music class.

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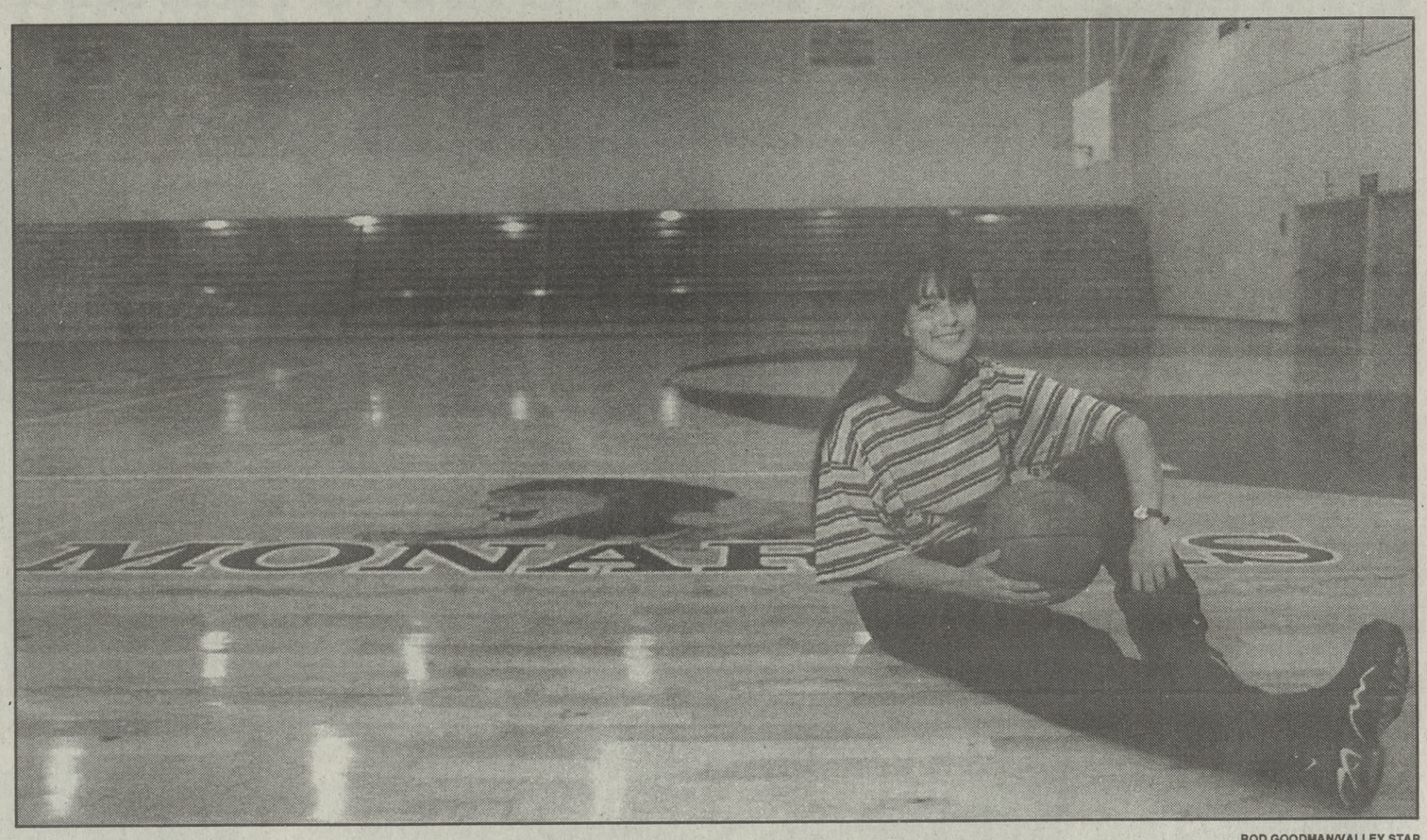
Haesun Pope (left) performs with Kaatcha V during her recital.

In the article titled 'Play at your own risk', information was also accumulated by Leo Mayorga and Aaron Dorn. *David Baldwin, Feature Editor.*

Freshman completes successful basketball season

Women's Basketball leading scorer finishes her first season in college, explains how she got involved in the sport, and about her role on the basketball team



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Valery Brady, the leading scorer for Women's Basketball, came back in mid-season to help lead the Monarchs to the playoffs.

By ROBERT BLECHL
Valley Star Staff Writer

Despite missing more than 10 games due to an injury, Valery Brady, shooting guard for the women's basketball team, completed a very successful freshman season. She led the team to second place in the WSC South Division and averaged nearly 20 points per game.

In February, she had excellent games against several teams. Against Glendale, Brady had 26 points, nine rebounds and three assists. Brady also scored 19 points in a game against Santa Monica, including a three-point shot late in the game.

She was named M.V.P. of the Mt. San Antonio Tip-off Tournament, scoring 20 points in the championship game.

She had a career high playing against Bakersfield, scoring 27 points to go along with four rebounds, four assists and three steals.

Brady was named all-conference this season and is expected to be one of the better guards in the state next season.

"I think basketball is the toughest sport," Brady said. "Not physically, but mentally. There is a lot of strategy. You have to outplay your opponent. I like that part."

Brady is a graduate of Notre Dame High School in Sherman Oaks. She is the all-time leading scorer there with 712 career points.

Brady said her father is responsible for introducing her to basketball. He was employed by a gymnasium in Sun Valley, and she would go there after school. It was there that she learned the basics of the game.

"He put me in a league with the boys there," Brady said. "I started playing organized basketball around the age of 10."

Brady was the starting shooting guard this season until she suffered a stress fracture during the season.

"I had gotten stepped on in one of the games," Brady said, describing this season's injury. "It felt like a bruise. I went to the doctor and they even told me it was a bruise."

"A couple of weeks later it was still there so I went and had it X-rayed. They found out I had a stress fracture," she said. "That had me out for about a month."

Brady did say however that her injury is fully healed and she was able to play towards the end of the season.

Brady is pursuing an Associate of Arts degree, but she is not sure on what school she will transfer to.

She does plan to continue playing basketball in the future though, wherever she does go. "When I transfer I am going to major in Sports Medicine and stay somehow in the sport," Brady said.

Brady describes herself as a quiet person, on and off the court. But her relentless drive for success does rub off on her teammates in other ways. "I'll get people (her team) started by just making a basket at the right time," she said.

"Everybody has a different role in basketball," Brady said, explaining her mindset on the court. "My role as a shooting guard, any chance I get I have to shoot. If I'm missing or having an off day, I still have to keep shooting."

Brady says that when she is completely off her game, she channels her energy in different ways, "Like playing better defense," she says.

"When other teams start to know about you, that you're the shooter, they will play a type of defense on you where they won't let you touch the ball," she continued. "So you can't just give up or not play in the game anymore, you have to play harder defense."

Brady said that in basketball, a player has to be prepared for anything to happen. "You have to change in so many different ways."

Upcoming Sports Calendar

3/16 Men's Baseball vs. Pierce 2:30 p.m.

3/17-18 Men's and Women's Track at Bakersfield Invite 9 a.m.

3/17 Men's and Women's Swimming at Pasadena 2:30 p.m. Women's Softball at Cuesta 3:30 p.m.

3/18 Men's Baseball at Bakersfield 1 p.m.

3/20 Women's Softball at COC 3:30 p.m.

3/21 Men's Baseball at COC 2:30 p.m.

3/23 Men's Baseball vs. Glendale 2:30 p.m.

3/24 Men's and Women's Track at Santa Monica Easter Relays All Day Men's and Women's Swimming at Cuesta 2:30 p.m. Women's Softball vs. Santa Monica 3:30 p.m.

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